

REMARKS

Action favorable to applicants is respectfully requested. Withdrawn claims 32-39, and 44-51 have been cancelled. All remaining claims, specifically, claims 2-6, 8-9, 11, and 26-28 have been indicated as allowed.

Allowed claims 2-9, 11, 26-28

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 2-6, 8-9, 11, 26-28.


Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2-6, 8-9, 11, and 26-28 are allowed. Thus, early issuance of Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned if there are any remaining questions of patentability, and a telephone interview would be helpful in resolving these questions.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge shortages or credit overpayments to Deposit Account No. 500393.

Respectfully submitted,
SCHWABE, WILLIAMSON & WYATT, P.C.

Dated: August 14, 2006



Christopher D. Goodman
Registration No. 34338

Pacwest Center, Suite 1900
1211 SW Fifth Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97204
Telephone: 503-222-9981